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PERSONAL FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR MURPHY,
AID, AND MILLER EA

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, VS

SUBJECT: AIR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

REFS: A) STATE 041618; B) STATE 041251; C) SAIGON 2088;

D) SAIGON 2089

1. REF A ARRIVED AFTER REFS C AND D DISPATCHED. IN ADDITION
MISSION RESPONSE AND CLEARANCE REQUESTED IN PARA 5 HAD NOT BEEN
SENT NOR CAN I ASCERTAIN THAT ANY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER IN ANY ELEMENT
OF MISSION HAD BEEN CONTACTED INFORMALLY BY PHONE OR OTHERWISE.
THEREFORE, NOTICE OF PUBLICATION RECORDED REF A APPARENTLY ISSUED
WITHOUT CONCURRENCE BY ANY ELEMENT OF THIS MISSION, AS REQUESTED
BY PARA 5, REF A.

2. ADDITIONALLY, THIS NOTICE APPARENTLY ISSUED AFTER TELEPHONE CALL
MADE LAST EVENING TO WENZEL IN EA/VN ASKING THAT APPROPRIATE
OFFICIALS BE ALERTED THAT IF PROPOSED NOTICE WAS TO BE ISSUED
ON ASSUMPTION THAT SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WOULD BE PERMITTED TO
BE BASED IN SOUTH VIET-NAM AND WOULD TAKE OVER AIR AMERICA
ASSETS, SUCH ASSUMPTION WOULD NOT LIKELY BE VALID. WE NOW
KNOW TODAY, REF C, THAT IT WILL NOT BE A CORRECT ASSUMPTION.
I ASSUME WENZEL PASSED ALONG THAT PRECAUTIONARY WARNING
BUT FOR SOME REASON IT WAS DECIDED TO GO AHEAD.

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3. WE REPEAT THAT DECISIONS ON CAMBODIA ARE NOT OUR CONCERN.

WE SHALL WATCH WITH SOME INTEREST HOW DEPARTMENT AND AID EXTRICATES ITSELF FROM THIS SEEMING IMPASSE. FROM THE BEGINNING OF CONSIDERATION OF AIR AMERICA SUCCESSION QUESTION, WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO KEEP WASHINGTON ALERTED TO THE FACT THAT THE CURRENT POLITICAL REALITIES SIMPLY WOULD NOT PERMIT OUR DOING BUSINESS AS WE DID TEN YEARS AGO, FIVE YEARS AGO OR EVEN TWO YEARS AGO. WE REGRET VERY MUCH IF THE BRUSHING ASIDE OF OUR ADVICE HAS LED TO AN EMBARRASSING SITUATION.

4. HOWEVER, LIFE GOES ON AND IT SHOULD, BY NOW, BE RATHER APPARENT THAT THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE SERVED BY TRYING TO WORK TOGETHER TO ARRIVE AT A SOLUTION THAT WOULD BEST SERVE US INTERESTS IN THE AREA. WE REMAIN PREPARED TO DO THAT.

5. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, CLEARANCE REQUESTED PARA 5, REF B NOT REPEAT NOT GIVEN.
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